

# A UFO CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER

*A chance encounter with US Senator Barry Goldwater during the Apollo 11 launch countdown was an opportunity for this aerospace engineer at Kennedy Space Center to share little-known information about UFO sightings of particular interest to the US military.*

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The date of 16 July 1969 was the day of the launch of *Apollo 11* and the initial kick-off for the first landing of the human race on our neighbour, the Moon. The global importance of this major historic event was very evident at the Kennedy Space Center (KSC), Florida. It was Moon Shot Day!

Many famous people from all over the world gathered in the VIP launch viewing area near the *Apollo LCC* (Launch Control Center). The security was at its highest level. One guest was in attendance whom I had supported during his political career: Senator Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona. He had been the Republican presidential candidate in 1964, running against President Lyndon B. Johnson. He had lost by a wide margin, but we in Florida had delivered him a victory in Brevard County, Florida, and the Spaceport area and take pride in ourselves regarding that minor accomplishment. In 1968, Goldwater won back his senatorial seat in Arizona.

Being a registered Democrat supporting a Republican candidate in Florida did not gain me any favour through my lifelong political party in Florida. I constantly lived with insults and jokes which supplemented my involvement in UFO research. McClelland has always been a maverick!

Senator Barry M. Goldwater had been a Major General in the United States Army Air Corps; he'd wanted to be a fighter pilot of the P-47 *Thunderbolt* and/or the P-51 *Mustang*, but was assigned to deliver various other aircraft to combat areas. He had flown an estimated 160-plus planes during his World War II and civilian years. I was also informed that he had been checked out in an SR-71 *Blackbird*. That was very impressive to learn.

During the long countdown of the Saturn V *Apollo 11* launch vehicle, I took a breakfast break from the LCC and walked to the nearby VIP guest viewing site in hopes of meeting Senator Goldwater. As I scanned the numerous people gathered, I asked one of our security guards if he was aware of the location of Goldwater.

He pointed his finger to an open field nearby, saying, "Do you see that guy over there setting up his camera tripod, Mac? That's Senator Goldwater."

I had my camera around my neck in hopes of having a photo opportunity with the Senator. I strolled across the crab-grass turf as he was setting up his personal camera. I was surprised he was alone except for a half-dozen other guests who were nearby, also setting up their cameras. I introduced myself and he responded with a polite greeting. He asked if I was a guest in the VIP area.

I chuckled a bit and said, "No sir, I am not yet a VIP."

He smiled and said, "Yes, I know how you feel. I had the same experience in the past."

We talked about his earlier effort to gain the presidency and I told him about my personal efforts in Brevard County. He thanked me, saying at least he had won here in the Cape area.

I seriously pondered my next question concerning UFOs and finally asked him if he would discuss the subject with me. I was surprised he had no Secret Service agents or NASA Public Affairs personnel hovering around him. I explained my position at KSC and my being the NICAP Unit-3 Director for Major Donald E. Keyhoe at KSC. He had met Keyhoe in DC years before. He approved our discussion on the UFO subject and we began our exchange of information.

I began by saying it was obvious he had a deep, abiding interest in UFOs and possible visits of alien races to Earth.

He said, "That is accepted fact in Washington and especially at the Pentagon, young man."

### Senator Barry Goldwater on UFO Secrecy

I had some understanding of his alleged statements regarding UFOs in the past and brought up the popular story of his effort to gain entry into a special storage area at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base that purportedly had alien artifacts in it.

He said, "Yes, that's the main event concerning me and UFOs. I was under the impression that a US Senator with a past as a Major General in the US Army Air Corps and a member of the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence for many years would carry some weight in my allowances to enter such an area of military secrecy. I was rudely awakened to reality very swiftly when I was denied passage. It had me angry enough to discuss it with a personal friend of mine in the military and inquire why my position in the US Senate had no such allowance.

"My friend, General Curtis LeMay, Chairman of the Military Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon, *very* angrily told me that I had no need to know. He gave me a lot of *hell* about my activities at Wright-Patterson. He threatened to end our friendship for life! My God, Mac, that surprised the hell out of me. LeMay added, 'You stay clear of our mutual friend, 'Butch', too [meaning General William "Butch" Blanchard]; his having been at Roswell [later Walker] Army Air Base and the 509th will not gain you any favour for knowledge of that Roswell crash claim."

Goldwater added, "Mac, Butch Blanchard was also a very valued friend of mine since World War II. He was the person who announced that a disc had crashed near Roswell in 1947. This cussing out did awaken me to one fact: that the UFO situation is the highest level of national secrecy. Much higher than the H-bomb was, and more than anything else that is known within the Pentagon, FBI, CIA, DIA, NSA, etc. That is, nothing is higher security than aliens being here on this planet. Then I realised Curtis was correct. And I never again approached him on the subject. That seemed to prove to me that UFOs were a fact, and do exist. But, are they all aliens? I highly suspect a majority are! Hell, they are no doubt far ahead of our level of intelligence. The United States Air Force knows the truth, but will they ever reveal it to this nation?"

I quickly said, "Yes, Senator, some UFOs sighted, I have learned through the ONI [Office of Naval Intelligence], are alien."

His eyes brightened up and showed surprise. "Mac, how would you know that as a fact and I was denied the truth?"

I said, "Senator, I was here, at KSC, and had also been at Cape Canaveral since the start of our national space program. With all due respect for your great accomplishments, sir, you were not. I've heard and seen things that, without any doubt, proved to me that UFOs and star races exist."

I said, "Congress is not made aware of secrets of this calibre.

The Pentagon controls such disclosures."

He stared at me and then said, "Yes, I get your point. You were and are on the cutting edge of technology, Mac. Hell, you have seen events I can only dream about."

I replied, "Yes, sir; more than you know!"

### German Scientists and Reverse-Engineering in the US

I then tested the Senator with another question. I asked him if he was at that time aware of the fact that several former German scientists were assigned to Wright Field following World War II.

He said, "No, Mac, I was not."

Then, one of the nearby launch-viewers came close to our location and I stopped the discussion. The man wanted to say hello and shake the hand of Senator Goldwater.

Following his departure, I continued. "Those Germans were at Wright since post-World War II and were assigned to reverse-engineer certain retrieved hardware that was suspected to be of alien origin. They accomplished that assignment with the object that crashed in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania. It was taken to Wright Field."

Senator Goldwater said, "Yes, I recall that incident. What was it? Do you know?"

I replied, "Yes, sir; it was a Soviet failed mission to Venus in 1965. It was not alien, Senator. The public was led to believe it was a UFO. Far easier to explain than a missile from the USSR hitting within the USA."

Goldwater agreed. He asked if I was aware of who the Germans were.

I replied, "Yes. One is Siegfried Knemeyer, the former head of the German RLM [the Reichsluftfahrtministerium], the Third Reich's Air Ministry for aircraft development for the Luftwaffe. Another is Dr Hans Amtmann, an expert in vertical take-off aircraft. One other I am familiar with is Dr Alexander Lippisch, who is more well known and a pioneer in tailless

aircraft, the US delta-wing fighter—the F-102A *Delta Dagger*—and an advanced design of a ground-effect flying boat. I'm almost certain these men also did a reverse-engineering on the object that crashed near Roswell, New Mexico."

I could see that what I was telling the Senator may have had his mind in a spin. So, I slowed down.

He said, "Mac, what are you doing here? We need people like you in DC."

I said that my place was right here at KSC. I noted the countdown clock was at two hours and 27 minutes prior to the launch of *Apollo 11*, and asked him if he would like a soft drink.

He said, "Yeah, maybe a shot and a beer, after hearing all you have said, Mac." He laughed.

I smiled and went for two Pepsi-Colas. When I returned, he continued the conversation.

"Mac, you work in one of the most secretive and important areas of our national security on the cutting edge of space science and are no doubt aware of much that has happened and is happening during our missions into space."

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I confirmed his statement, saying I was also part of an ONI unit at Patrick Air Force Base, south of the Cape.

He was surprised to hear that fact. He said, "So, you are Naval Intelligence, young man?"

I said, "Well, yes sir, but only one member."

He continued, making certain none of the people nearby was within listening distance. "Now, may I ask you what you have heard or seen here?"

I joked with him, asking, "Do you have a need to know, sir?" We both laughed.

Goldwater smiled while he adjusted his camera tripod. Soon, a man and a woman wandered by, saying hello, and we both similarly replied. I asked the man if he would take a photo of Goldwater and me together. I asked approval of the Senator and he gave his okay. Following the photo being taken, I thanked both the people; they shook the hand of the Senator and went on their way. I was disappointed to note after it was developed that the photo had been taken too distant to show both our faces in more detail, but it does show enough to allow recognition. (See enhanced photo below.)

#### Senator Richard Russell's UFO Sightings over the USSR

I asked the Senator if he knew Senator Richard Russell of the State of Georgia.

He snapped back, saying, "Are you kidding, Mac? Of course I know Dick Russell."

Goldwater then softly asked me if I was aware of Senator Russell's UFO sighting in the Soviet Union.

I smiled and said, "Yes, sir. I learned of it through my ONI unit."

He said with a smile, "Now, do you have the proper clearances, Mac?"

I told him my clearance level.

He said, again with a smile, "That is more than acceptable."

He continued. "I had heard a rumour about Russell having his UFO experience, and thought I would approach him about it. I was careful not to have him cuss me out like LeMay. I'll tell you what he and I discussed. About six or seven years ago in 1962, before my election loss to Johnson in 1964, Dick and I got together after a Senate meeting and sat alone in his office. Dick said that around sundown on 4 October 1955, he saw two

separate saucer-shaped craft while travelling on a train through the Soviet Union on his way to Czechoslovakia. He made a small sketch of the object for us to study on his desk pad. He showed a sparkle flashing under its base and indicated it had two lights on its top portion that remained stationary, while the outer section of each disc appeared to revolve or spin. He said it had a slight yellowish colour and may have been 25 to 35 feet in diameter. After talking about the object for about five minutes,

Russell tore the desk pad drawing off his sketch pad and placed it in his jacket pocket for later burning. He told me that it was classified Top Secret by the FBI and military. He did not want the sketch to end up in the wrong hands."

Goldwater told me that Russell then detailed how he'd watched from his train window as one saucer-shaped craft rose slowly from the ground about two miles away and flew over his train at not too high a rate of speed. It was estimated to be between 5,000 to 6,000 feet in altitude.

Goldwater emphasised, "Mac, Dick was so excited about this actual viewing of a UFO that he tried to summon his Russian language interpreter Ruben Efron, who arrived too late and had only a brief sighting of the [first] object. His aide was Colonel Hathaway."

(Later, I learned he was US Army Colonel E.U. Hathaway, the military aide-de-camp for the US Senate Armed Services Committee.)

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Clark C. McClelland and Senator Barry Goldwater (right), photographed at the Kennedy Space Center during the *Apollo 11* countdown on 16 July 1969.

Goldwater said that Senator Russell, Colonel Hathaway and Ruben Efron all witnessed the second disc in detail. Russell said the CIA and FBI and perhaps the NSA were apparently briefed in DC concerning this very important event and had a US Air Force officer interview Russell, Efron and Colonel Hathaway in Europe. Goldwater could not recall the US Air Force officer's name. However, later I gained that data and discovered it was Lt Colonel Thomas Ryan who prepared a detailed report on the sighting for the Pentagon. The report was highly classified and was not made public until the excellent work of Dr Bruce Maccabee, Chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, in obtaining the documents through the Freedom of Information Act. It was not declassified for public viewing until 1985—30 years after the incident!

Goldwater said, "Mac, it makes one wonder why objects that do not exist, according to the USAF, require such top secrecy by the US Government."

I agreed.

(Note: In February 2006, the Bush administration reclassified at least 55,000 formerly secret and confidential documents. Once again, they were not to be released to the public through the Freedom of Information Act. What caused the highly secretive Bush administration to reverse that decision? What is Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Rice, etc., now keeping from the general knowledge of the taxpaying public? It makes one seriously think!)

I continued our exchange, saying, "Senator, when I first arrived at Cape Canaveral in 1958, the initial mystery event I became aware of was what RCA engineers called 'Lonesome George'! I later was informed by those personnel that they had accidentally discovered an orbiting, what could be called, alien space probe out at the distance of the Moon. Senator, remember that the USA and USSR had not orbited any man-made object at the time they initially discovered the object. What was its purpose, negative or positive, concerning the safety of the human race? It apparently was not showing any harmful intent towards the Earth."

Goldwater did show amazement at my disclosure and admitted having no knowledge of the object.

### UFO Sightings by NASA Astronauts

I then related that I was also aware of several UFO sightings by astronaut crews from the *Mercury*, *Gemini* and other missions. That statement seemed to light up the Senator's eyes.

He asked, "What did they observe?"

I continued. "During our *Mercury* program, I heard the voice of astronaut Gordon Cooper, during his *Mercury 9* mission, report a 'green-coloured object' that appeared to be passing his capsule in the opposite orbital direction over the Pacific Ocean in 1963. Many years later, I spoke with 'Gordo' during a phone conversation and asked him if he would elaborate. He denied it was a fact and said he did not see an object during *Mercury 9*. But, I had heard him say he was tracking such an object. He quickly added, 'We are on a phone, Slim.' [My nickname "Slim" was used by several of the earlier astronauts.] He caught me by surprise."

The Senator asked me why.

I said, "I suspected that Gordo was giving me a message. He apparently had suspicion his phone was not secure. Maybe I was incorrectly making that judgement, but that was my analysis of his statement. Senator, now to elaborate on the *Mercury 9* mission. I was at the *Mercury* Mission Control facility here at Cape Canaveral on the day of the return to Earth by Cooper. I had initially tried to visit USAF Colonel John A. 'Shorty' Powers at Hangar 'S', and after discovering that the Colonel was at Mission Control south of the hangar area I drove there to see him. He had my special *Mercury 9* lapel pin, a memento of this historic mission.

"Having security clearance, I entered the Mission Control area. I immediately heard communications between *Mercury 9* and the Cap Com [Capsule Communication] officer, astronaut Wally Schirra, who was tracking Cooper in the *Faith 7* across the Pacific Ocean on its final pass prior to splashdown in that same area on its next pass. It was the final orbit of *Faith 7* before re-entry back to Earth. The commentary was on an open PA system

at Mission Control. Following the disclosure of Cooper that he was observing a 'green-coloured object'—and other comments made about it by astronaut Scott Carpenter who was in the Kauai, Hawaii, tracking station—Cooper was on his third orbit and had released a highly luminous, six-inch-diameter xenon strobe light sphere to test his tracking capabilities of the object while in orbit. He finally was able to see it on his fourth orbit. Senator, I wonder if the object he saw was connected to that xenon strobe light? But it was not green and not in the

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proper orbital path.

"Senator, I believe he actually did see a UFO. Sir, Cooper disclosed to me that he had chased UFOs during his USAF duties in 1951 while in Germany. He said they out-manoeuvred his flight of F-86 *Sabre* jets and were flying at a greater speed than our airplanes."

Goldwater said, "Yes, Mac, I'm aware of that fact."

I continued. "Are you aware that astronaut Gordon Cooper was later bumped from the *Apollo 14* lunar landing mission by NASA?"

Goldwater said, "Mac, I also recall that fact."

"Yes, sir; he was," I replied.

"Why? Were there hidden reasons?" Goldwater asked.

"Sir, Gordo enjoyed racing; he loved controlling a fast vehicle, like most of those earlier astronauts. He was considering entering a big car race in Daytona Beach against the objections of NASA. He was warned by NASA to stay clear of any race in Daytona. They had spent a lot of money training him and were not going to have a car accident impact their critical lunar launch schedule. Gordo was angered by that refusal. NASA realised he was still planning on entering a race, so they finally assigned that *Apollo 14* mission to Alan Shepard.

"Following that incident, it was all downhill for Gordon Cooper and his NASA astronaut career. Gordo was bitter about that up to the day of his death. Senator, you may recall that Gordon Cooper became involved with the United Nations' efforts to have the subject of UFOs brought before the UN and to have it finally disclosed that unknown craft are being encountered all over the Earth. I believe Cooper knew secrets about UFOs he

kept from disclosing to the public at that time. I personally believe he was threatened with the loss of his retirement if he would not remain quiet. His interest in UFOs also may have impacted his NASA career."

### ONI Interest in UFOs

Senator Goldwater then asked about sightings during other space missions. I mentioned several during *Gemini* and *Apollo* and then I asked him if he had heard anything about a 1956 US Navy aircraft and the huge UFO that many crew members and others observed over the Atlantic Ocean. He said he had not.

I said, "I am not surprised, Senator. It apparently was also kept secret by the Pentagon, as was that incident with Senator Russell. My initial muster [the US Navy term for a meeting] with the US Navy ONI Unit 6-69 at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, was in early 1959. I was introduced to several highly ranked officers—Admirals, Captains, etc.—who immediately swore me to secrecy, Bible and all, concerning what I was presently about to view and other data I would experience in the future concerning confidential and secret information. I agreed, and volunteered to operate the group's movie and slide projector.

"My being an investigator of UFOs and a member of NICAP for many years was apparently well known by this group of US Navy officers. I had presented talks on the subject of 'Space Flight and UFOs' at the Philadelphia Naval Base a few years prior, and was presently seeking information on additional UFO encounters within the space program. I realised that would be my value to this ONI unit, along with my friendship with many NASA astronauts. Captain Rudy Bergholz, a technical manager at NASA KSC, opened a large film canister and handed it to me. The film can was marked 'Confidential', with other taped notes of instructions and warnings.

"I began rolling the film and I found it to be an amazing disclosure of a UFO incident that occurred in 1956.

The officers were excitedly talking among themselves, as it described the sighting of a huge, disc-shaped UFO—400 feet in diameter—by a US Navy flight crew in a Navy R7V-2 transport, which was a four-engine *Super Constellation* travelling west over the Atlantic Ocean towards Gander, Newfoundland, an apparent refuelling stop for its eventual landing at the Naval Air Station at Patuxent, Maryland. [Note: This was the base where several astronaut crews would eventually be trained for secret DoD missions, STS-48, UFOs, etc. during the future Space Shuttle, or Space Transportation System, program.] I immediately noted a familiar name, Admiral Delmar S. Fahrney, being mentioned in the film."

Goldwater injected a comment. "Yes, I have met Admiral Fahrney, Mac."

I said, "Yes, sir." I continued. "Another comment was made in the film, recognising NICAP and Major Donald E. Keyhoe, a former US Marine fighter pilot."

I asked the Senator if he knew Keyhoe.

He said, "Yes, I have met him. A very impressive man."

I commented that I wondered why I had not heard about this case prior to this ONI meeting, perhaps from NICAP in Washington, DC.

I continued my story. "Captain Bergholz said I had not yet been approved to have a 'need to know' by the US Navy. Apparently, now I had that need, but why? During the meeting, Captain Bergholz finally sprung the reason: I was to investigate and verify, through those German scientists at Cape Canaveral, who those *Paperclip* scientists were that had come to the USA with Dr Wernher von Braun in 1946 and who had been assigned to the AMC [Air Materiel Command] Foreign Technology Division at Wright Field, Ohio. Bergholz, being my commanding officer, delegated the job to me because of my association with many German scientists at Cape Canaveral. I later informed Bergholz that I had discovered at least three *Paperclip* scientists who were assigned to Wright Field following their arrival with Dr Wernher von Braun: one named Siegfried Knemeyer, former Third Reich Luftwaffe pilot and RLM Director..."

Senator Goldwater interrupted me and asked, "Mac, what's RLM?"

I told him it was the German Air Ministry that created the various planes, like the Messerschmitt and Junkers, and may have influenced the V1 and V2 rockets at Peenemünde.

I continued. "Two other *Paperclip* scientists at Wright Field were Dr Hans Amtmann and Dr Alexander Lippisch. I believe all three are still at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Senator. Perhaps you can try and contact them there."

The Senator quickly replied, "No, not after that experience with General LeMay, Mac!"

I said, "Senator, you are aware of the military rivalry to gain the upper hand over other areas of the United States military that has been an ongoing practice throughout our national history?"

He replied, "Yes, I am, having been associated with the military budgets in the Senate."

I continued, saying, "There was and still is a great rivalry between the US military services, and since the USAF and the US Army ABMA [Army Ballistic Missile Agency] were playing the same game between them at Wright Field, the AMC Foreign Technology Division of the USAF had captured alien technology and the US Navy wanted it shared with the ONI. Another habitual US military squabble. Can you imagine the Soviet Union having such squabbles? Not on your life. Admirals and Generals would have been marched to a wall and executed. In fact, Stalin did just that to several of his military officers."

Goldwater agreed.

I continued to explain the film. "As we all watched the ONI film, it described the sighting of a huge, 400-foot or larger, saucer-shaped object that was encountered by a US Navy R7V-2 four-engine *Super Constellation* aircraft over the Atlantic Ocean. As many as 40 military personnel and air crew observed it as it

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approached the aircraft and appeared to be observing the Navy plane. It was at an altitude of about 19,000 to 20,000 feet and at first the object was mistaken for being a gathering of many ships below the plane due to its size, when initially and earlier viewed far below the aircraft by the navigator and commander of the plane."

I said, "Senator Goldwater, I cannot recall the names of the flight crew."

He said, "Just continue with the incident, Mac. It's very interesting and I was not aware it had happened."

I continued. "They all witnessed it and described it as having a large, illuminated, outer ring. Since it and what some said may have been other craft below were possibly seen. As the large object approached the plane at about 1,000 yards, those aboard were mystified and frightened. The crew later said it was a huge, saucer-shaped, metallic machine."

Goldwater asked, "Mac, did they show photographs of it in the ONI film?"

I told him, "I was not aware that a film was exposed during the actual incident, so, no, I did not see any depiction of the UFO. If any UFO film was taken at all, it was apparently under Top Secret classification and not shown in the ONI film. Some comments made by the crew in the film were that they all considered the huge object was 'intelligently controlled'. They also said that no living creature, etc., was seen. They added that the craft's speed from when it climbed from near sea level to their aircraft altitude was estimated to be about 1,400 to 2,000+ knots in a brief time-lapse of seven to eight seconds."

The Senator said, "That's astounding, Mac! What else was said?"

I continued. "The Navy aircraft commander radioed ahead to the Gander Air Force Base control tower and asked if their radar was identifying any other object near his R7V-2. The tower control officer said, 'Yes, a larger object and in close proximity of the Navy plane.' Sir, they verified that the gigantic craft was on their radar!"

He replied, "Mac, I was not aware of that case! I will try to pursue it when I return to Washington."

I replied, "Contact Don Keyhoe or Richard Hall, his deputy."

I continued with the sighting. "The US Navy flight commander was asked by the USAF interrogator at Gander during their individual and group debriefing if they saw any indication of life. His reply was, 'No, but it was intelligently controlled, and my crew and I are all witnesses to that fact!' That object was not remotely controlled; something inside of it was in *control!* The interrogator would not discuss what the Gander radar had recorded and refused to allow the Navy to review it. The Navy commander asked the Air Force officer, 'What's the USAF up to now? You people say UFOs do not exist. What the hell did we see if they don't exist?' The USAF officer said, 'Sorry, we cannot answer any of your questions!'"

I told the Senator that I suspected it was Dr J. Alan Hynek who became involved about four or so days later, after the US Navy aircraft arrived at Patuxent, Maryland, when the crew was once again placed under an intense ONI interrogation with a detailed

report required from each crew member and from those who were passengers returning home.

Senator Goldwater then said, "What was the scientist's response, Mac? I am very interested to know. I may contact Hynek and try to investigate if he was the scientist involved."

I replied, "Good idea, sir. Now, to continue. The unidentified scientist asked the Navy commander if he had any photographs of the huge UFO. The commander said, 'Yes, but they have all been confiscated and classified.' The scientist met with the commander and unlocked a briefcase and withdrew several photos of strange objects (UFOs). He asked the commander if any were similar. While reviewing the photos, the commander stopped and said, 'This is the exact saucer-shaped object my crew and I saw.' He then said, 'If you and the government have photos such as these, there are people within the Federal Government who know.' The scientist said he was sorry, but he could not disclose anything. He closed his briefcase and left the room. Senator, the facts concerning UFOs and if they are from an alien star race are known in DC!"

Senator Goldwater then said, "Mac, I am absolutely going to look into this when I return to Washington tomorrow."

#### From Roswell to the Moon

I then asked the Senator if he would answer a few questions I had for him. He agreed.

I asked him, "Are you aware of any facts that are unknown to the public regarding the alleged Roswell crash in 1947?"

He said, "Mac, I have investigated that incident through every possible agency that may have had some responsibility: the FBI—Hoover, who shut me off quickly—the NRO, DIA, NSA, etc., and have gained nothing other than hell from the Pentagon. You may know more about it than I. I'm as curious about those facts as you. The reaction I had from General LeMay and the on-site Roswell facts known by

General 'Butch' Blanchard, etc., have told me one thing: that it did happen and it is a major secret regarding UFOs and aliens of our time. Perhaps of all times."

I looked at my watch and the NASA countdown clock a short distance from where we were, and saw that the countdown was progressing without any launch holds. Excitement was rising with the VIP crowd. My break had run out.

Senator Goldwater and I both shook hands and I thanked him for his openness with me. As I walked away, I glanced back at him and realised I would probably not talk again with this great man in our nation's history. To me, Senator Barry Goldwater was a national treasure and great American patriot.

I returned to the LCC. At 9.32 am, the huge Saturn V rocket carrying *Apollo 11* lifted off and rumbled into space to realise an historic milestone. Mankind landed on and returned from the Moon—and will continue to explore the vast universe should our human existence continue.

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### Postscript

On 29 May 1998, Barry Goldwater passed away in Phoenix, Arizona. Perhaps he now knows the secrets of that "secret area" at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and is now aware of other races among the stars.

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McClelland joined the US Space Program in 1958 and observed or assisted in launching 628 rockets and space missions. He continues to observe launches near his home in Florida. During his time at KSC, he held positions including Spacecraft Operator (ScO) of the Space Shuttle Fleet as well as Mission Operations Monitor in the Launch Control Center. He was also an Aerospace Engineer and Technical Assistant to the NASA *Apollo* Program Manager during the lunar landing missions.

McClelland was the actual "X-Files" operative at the Cape and KSC during his years in the US Space Program. He was a member of an ONI unit at Patrick Air Force Base, south of Cape Canaveral.

Clark C. McClelland is currently

seeking a publisher for his book(s) *The Stargate Chronicles: Spilling the Beans!* (see below); go to [http://www.stargate-chronicles.com/book\\_proposal.html](http://www.stargate-chronicles.com/book_proposal.html) for more details.

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### Author's Note:

To potential publishers: I have been writing my book(s) *The Stargate Chronicles: Spilling the Beans!* for over 16 years. The eyewitnessed accounts cannot be duplicated by any other UFO researcher. I have other incidents to relate that will curl your hair!

I am seeking a courageous publisher in China, Japan, Australia, Europe, etc. Whatever nation publishes my book will have a bestseller for world distribution. That success will create obvious interest of publishers in the USA.

No other person on Earth can release what I have experienced. No one!

— Clark C. McClelland